

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3361 - SB 3340

February 21, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a 13-member Tennessee Health Insurance Mandated Benefits Review Council made of representatives from the General Assembly, state government, health care providers, insurance companies and the private sector. The council is to study and report on legally-mandated health benefits and their impact on insurance premiums. The council would submit a final report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2006. All bills that include a mandated health benefit would be referred to the council for comment beginning in the 2005 session. The council is authorized to retain staff and professional assistance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- The research to investigate the impact of mandates on insurance costs would require one full-time staff member and associated expenses in the Department of Finance and Administration.
- To fulfill its function, the council would require outside consultants, with associated contract expenses, to analyze benefits and perform actuarial studies of each individual mandate.
- Travel and per diem expenses would be required for council meetings.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director